GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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PRICES OF PAPER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of paper by paper mills has resulted scarcity in the domestic market and upset the balance of supply and demand;

(b) if so, whether the Federation of Indian Publishers has submitted a memorandum to the Government in regard to the increase in price of paper and to save the Indian publishing industries;

(c) if so, the details of the memorandum; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto and the action likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) While no representation from the Federation of Indian Publishers has been received, a representation from the Federation of Educational Publishers in India showing concern about increase in prices of Paper was received in July,2000. There is no statutory control over the prices of paper and prices are being driven by the market forces.